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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of two (2) references cited in the enclosed search report issued in a corresponding Japanese patent application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Japanese search report and a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement, and that this is the first citation of these prior art references by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent

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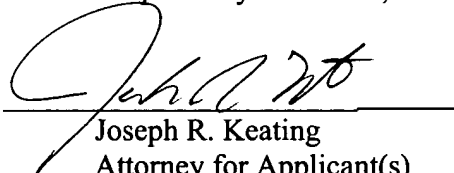
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application. Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the disclosed reference(s) be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Present Application No.: Patent Application No. 274861 of Heisei 10 [1998]
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The present application should be rejected for the following reasons. If you have an opinion concerning this, please submit a statement of opinion within 60 days from the date of dispatch of this notification.

Reasons

The inventions claimed in the following claims of the present application are inventions that could easily have been invented prior to the filing of the application by a person having an ordinary knowledge of the technical field to which the inventions belong on the basis of inventions described in the following publications, which were disseminated in Japan or in foreign countries prior to the filing of the application. Thus, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, these inventions cannot be patented.

Note

1. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H8-306541
2. Japanese Utility Model Application Kokoku No. S45-17109

- Claims 1, 3 and 4
- Cited Reference 1

The above-mentioned Cited Reference 1 indicates that a plurality of coils are embedded in a resin containing a magnetic material and that an external electrode is formed.

- Claim 2
- Cited References 1 and 2

The use of coils with different electrical properties is universally known as described, for example, in Cited Reference 2; therefore, this can be appropriately selected as necessary.

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